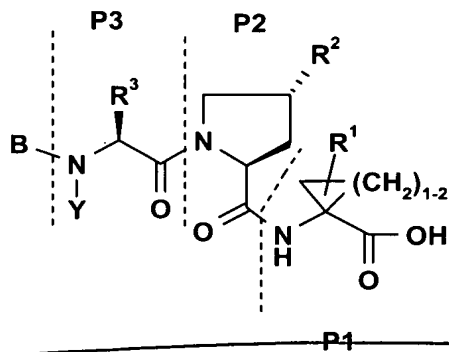


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and insert the following:

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At the following locations, delete "R₂" and insert --R²--:

Page 5, line 14;

Page 17, lines 7 and 26;

Page 18, lines 2, 4, 5, 8;

Page 19, line 7;

Page 23, lines 16, 26, 28;

Page 25, lines 27, 29;

Page 26, line 11;

Page 37, line 16 (in the structure);

NE Page 38, lines 1 and 2 (in the structures).

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At the following locations, delete "R₁" and insert --R¹--:

Page 19, lines 16, 19, 20;

Page 20, lines 1 (in the structure), 10, 12 (in the structures), 14, 16 (in the structures),
and line 18;

Page 21, lines 1, 2 (in the structures), 3, 4, 11, 15, 17 (in the structure), 18;

Page 24, lines 2, 4 (in the structures);

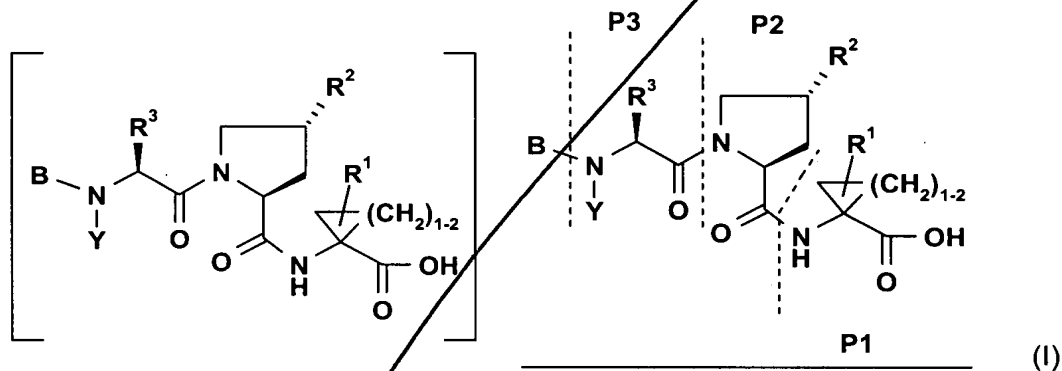
Page 26, line 6 (in the structures);

Page 43, lines 1 (in the structures), 2, 10 (in the structures), 11, 21 (in the structures);

Page 44, lines 1, line 9 (in the structures), 10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A compound of formula (I) comprising [the scope of the invention are] racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of



wherein **B** is H, a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which optionally